

“Faith, Hope and the Force”

*“and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age”*

Matthew 28:20

Grace Presbytery Spring 2011 Youthquakes Camp Gilmont

Event Information Packet

Presented by:
**Youth Ministry Committee of Grace Presbytery
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

If you have questions, please contact:

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LEADERSHIP TEAMS and REGISTRATION LIMITS

Event	Leadership Team	Spaces Available	Fee	Registration Opens	Registration Closes
Gilmont #1 April 1-3	Grace Presbytery "STARS"	110	\$115	January 14	March 11
Gilmont #2 April 8-10	Grace Presbytery "STARS"	110	\$115	January 14	March 18

Registration opens on Friday, January 14, 2011

** The Event Fee of \$115.00 includes two nights lodging and four meals (3 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday), t-shirt, and program expenses. This fee applies to all youth and adult participants.

Important Things to Know About Registration

- 1) Registration for Youthquakes will be conducted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
 - a) When a camp is filled, remaining registrations will be placed on a Waiting List, unless a Group chooses to move to an alternate date.
 - b) Registrations will not be considered complete until a check is received with the emailed registration.
- 2) All registrations must be received **by mail** on, or after, the opening day of registrations. (All other means – e-mail, fax, phone, or in person – cannot be accepted). Postmarks will be used to determine the "first-come, first-served" order.
- 3) Registrations will **open** January 14, 2011
Registrations will **close** March 11 for Gilmont #1
Registrations will **close** March 18 for Gilmont #2
- 4) In registering, groups will reserve and pay in full for slots they plan to use (the group is not required to provide names at this time).
 - a) On the closing date for the event (three weeks before the event begins), all spaces purchased become non-refundable. Prior to this date, a \$10 non-refundable fee will be kept for any cancelled spots.
 - b) Substitutions can be made but should be male-for-male and female-for-female. If a female youth or sponsor drops out, they need to be replaced with a female, and the same for males.
- 5) As they are registered, groups will receive a confirmation of their registration and a list of the paper work that is required for the completion of their registrations.
- 6) All Groups must submit **all** of their required paperwork to Grace Presbytery, **no later than three weeks before the start of the event.** This gives Grace Presbytery time to prepare and submit required paper work to the camp, thus meeting our deadlines in time for the site to complete its preparation. Paperwork will include:

- a) Official List of Registrants for the Event
 - b) Official List of "Cleared Adults" participating in the event
- 7) Grace Presbytery will observe all deadlines, and will require the same courtesy from the congregations.

Background checks

Background checks are required by Grace Presbytery, our insurance carriers, and the camp site. Please make sure that these checks are completed well in advance of your trip to Youthquake. Your group’s Registration cannot be finalized until this is done!

Scholarship Assistance

Scholarship assistance, generally one-half the cost of the event, is available for youth who have financial concerns. Contact Gary Holloman at the Grace Presbytery office (214-393-5617, or 800-678-4502 ext. 5617 gary@gracepresbytery.org) for more information.

How to Register

- 1) Complete the Group Registration Form on page 6. You do not have to provide names at this time, just indicate how many spaces you want.
- 2) Mail it, along with a check payable to Grace Presbytery, for the entire fee (# of spaces you are reserving x \$115) to:

<p>Margaret LaPlante, YQ Registrar Grace Presbytery 6100 Colwell Blvd. Suite 100 Irving, TX 75039</p>	<p>Important Each person pays the \$115 registration fee, youth and adults</p>
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- 3) You will receive a Confirmation Packet, with the forms you need and detailed instructions.

Each group will also receive a **Confirmation Letter**. This **letter must be brought to camp in order for the group to check in at the event.**

Beginnings and Endings

YOUTHQUAKES begin with Registration on Friday from 8:00pm and concludes before noon on Sunday. Three meals are provided on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The Leadership of each conference determines individual event schedules. Schedules are always subject to the weather.

Emergency Contacts

GILMONT PROGRAM CENTER (On-Site Staff: Thomas Truitt)
 6075 SH 155N, Gilmer, Texas 75644
 903.797.6400
 866. GILMONT (866.445.6668)



Directions to Camp Gilmont www.campgilmont.org

The camp is located about five miles northeast of Gilmer on Texas State Highway (SH) 155.

GRACE PRESBYTERY "YOUTHQUAKES"

ADULT ADVISORS' INFORMATION

Youthquakes are events for youth of Middle School and Junior High age, generally Grade 6-8.

1. Each church must send one adult advisor for every 7 youth, or any portion thereof. **Each church must send at least one female and one male adult advisor unless the church's participants are all of the same gender.** In that case, groups are still advised to bring two adults, in order to comply with Child Protection Policies. Adult advisors must be at least 21 years of age.
2. It is imperative that every group have a minimum of two adult advisors for a number of safety reasons. If advisor substitutions are needed, then the adult substitution must be of the same gender as the original advisor. Lack of adequate adult supervision may lead to a group's cancellation. Sharing of advisors between two or more churches is permissible, provided that the minimum number requirements are met.
3. The Purpose of Adult Advisors at Youthquakes:
 - a. To accompany the youth participants in the overall experience of the weekend.
 - b. To encourage the youth and their fellow adult advisors to experience fully the event; participating in all activities, creating opportunities for the youth to express their faith and their ideas.
 - c. To pray for and offer counsel to the youth participants.
 - d. To serve the youth with humor, patience, hospitality, firmness, and faithfulness.
 - e. To collaborate with the Youthquake leadership to create a safe and healthy retreat community. To watch for signs of trouble and signs of wonder. To participate in discipline as well as celebration. To laugh and to offer sympathy when needed.
 - f. To care for themselves by taking seriously the times for rest, food, fun, worship, and networking.
4. **The Grace Presbytery "STARS", teams of youth representing the Grace Presbytery Youth Ministries Committee will provide the leadership for these events.** This is part of our commitment to raise up leaders within the church. These young people will lead recreation, small groups, music, and/or other portions of these events, complementing our adult leadership. Please encourage these young people in their efforts to be leaders among your youth.
5. All adults present at Youthquake will be responsible to help with the behavior of ALL youth at the retreat. Please sit among your youth during group events and exercise crowd control, especially when requested by event leadership.
6. If, for some reason, we find ourselves short of small group leaders, the remainder will be recruited at the event. Leaders will receive "leader-friendly" material at the retreat. Please be available to assist when and where you are needed.
7. Adult Advisors are asked to review the rules ("Covenant of Community") for the retreat with their youth before the event in a positive manner. Every adult is expected to sign the "Covenant" and

abide by those rules as well. The "Covenant of Community" and the "Release" Form are in effect from departure until return. These forms will be emailed after you have registered.

8. At no time are youth or adults permitted to leave camp property. The only exception would be in the event of an emergency and then with the knowledge and authorization of the Director.
9. Groups are reminded to respect the possessions of others, as well as the camp property. Pranks are not an appropriate part of the Youthquake experience. Pranks that injure or embarrass another person, or that damage, deface, or dirty the camp property will be sufficient reason for an individual or group to be dismissed from camp. Property damages will be charged to the home congregation.
10. Adult Advisors are responsible for making sure that their youth obey curfew, are in their assigned room or cabin, and should notify the Event Leaders if any youth are missing.

**GRACE PRESBYTERY
Spring YOUTHQUAKES 2011
GROUP REGISTRATION**

Name of Church _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail _____

Person Completing This Registration _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Registration Request:

For which Youthquake are you registering? (Please check the appropriate line. If you do have a second choice, please place a "2" in the appropriate line.)

____ April 1-3, 2011 – Gilmont #1 ____ April 8-10, 2011 – Gilmont #2

Number of Spaces Requested _____

Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____ \$115 per person (Youth & Adults)

For Registrar's Use:

Date Received _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ **CHECK #** _____ **DATE** _____